



SECTION 15

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

When a Voluntary Cleanup Plan has been accepted by KDHE, a public notice and comment period is required by law. KDHE will consult with the applicant and then publish a notice in a local newspaper of general circulation in the area affected. This notice may be a displayed advertisement or a legal notice. In addition to the published notice, KDHE may send a direct notice to any other appropriate entities, including units of local government. The public may request a copy of the Voluntary Cleanup Plan and send comments to KDHE. The public comment period must extend at least 15 days from the date the notice was published. KDHE will evaluate public interest at the end of the comment period and may schedule a public meeting or the voluntary party may also request a public meeting. Advance notice of the public information meeting will be given to the local media and local governments. At the public meeting, KDHE will provide the public with information about relevant voluntary cleanup activities at the property and will invite public comment. Upon completion of the public notification and participation process, a final determination to approve or disapprove the Voluntary Cleanup Plan will be made by KDHE. An example of a public notice that might appear in a local newspaper is given below:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is requesting public comment on the department's preferred cleanup alternative under the Kansas Voluntary Cleanup and Property Redevelopment Program to address environmental concerns at the Wicked Witch's Plant property located approximately four miles west of Emerald City, Kansas. A copy of the proposed Voluntary Cleanup Plan is available to anyone upon request.

Written public comments on the Voluntary Cleanup Plan will be accepted by KDHE during a 15-day public comment period between May 1 and May 15, 2005. (If a public meeting is to be held, the date, time and place will be indicated. Meetings will generally be held in the county where the subject property is located.)

KDHE has not given final approval to the Voluntary Cleanup Plan for the Wicked Witch's Plant property. KDHE will consider all public comments received or postmarked prior to the comment deadline in developing a final Voluntary Cleanup Plan for the property. Copies of the proposed Voluntary Cleanup Plan may be obtained between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from:

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Environmental Remediation
Remedial Section
Curtis State Office Building, Suite 410
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367
CONTACT: VCPRP Coordinator
(785) 296-1665, FAX (785) 296-7030

Copies will also be available for the comment period during normal hours at the:

West County Public Library
123 West Yellow Brick Road
Ozburg, Kansas